GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:462
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SHUTTING DOWN OF WELLS BY ONGC IN SOUTHERN REGION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has been forced to shut down two dozen wells in the Southern Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of losses suffered by ONGC due to shutting down of these wells; and

(d) the steps proposed to make them economically viable?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 462 for answer on 21.12.2000 regarding Shutting Down of Wells by ONGC in Southern Region

(a) and (b): Thirteen wells in Narimanam Grid and four wells in Kovilkalappal in the Cauvery basin (Tamil Nadu) have been kept closed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC), as the consumers who have been allotted gas are not in a position to receive supplies since their projects have not been completed.

(c): There is no loss of gas on account of closing the wells, however, ONGC`s revenue earnings have been deferred.

(d): In order to improve the utilization of gas the following steps are being taken:-

(i) Allocations on fallback basis are being considered in respect of some of the existing plants which can start consuming the gas earlier than the grass root projects.

(ii) ONGC has been permitted to directly market low pressure gas from isolated wells producing upto 1 lakh cubic meters per day.

(iii) Generally, allocation is being made for higher quantities than the available gas so that even if some of the allocations do not materialise, the gas utilization would not suffer in the long run.

CONNECTED WELLS KEPT CLOSED DUE TO WANT OF CONSUMERS/LESS DEMAND

NARIMANAM GRID

SL.NO.	WELL	OIL(TPD)	GAS(m3/d
1.	TVR#6	10	16400
2.	TVR#5	9	39750
3.	PVM#4	10	42400
4.	PVM#3	6	44350
5.	PVM#2	19	29450
6.	NLM#12	1	10750

7 KMP#7 0 21150

8. KMP#10 0 38100

9. AKM#9 2 21550
10. AKM#6 3 9250
11. AKM#16 2 21000
12. AKM#11 0 10300
13. AKM#10 6 88300

Total 68 392750

KOVILKALPPAL FIELD

SL.NO. WELL OIL(TPD) GAS(m3/d

1. KVK#22A 6 13900

2. KVK#18 1 16900

3. KVK#12 7 20250

4. KVK#11 22 130000

Total 36 181050

Total Oil = 104 tonnes per day
Total gas = About 5.7 lakhs cubic metre per day

(The above production rates are taken at a point of time and may vary depending on bean size, and well conditions.)

Additionally, in Narimanam grid sixwells viz. TVR#4, TVR#2 TVR#13, NRM#61, KZ#2 and KZ#1 having the potential to produce about 74 tonnes of oil and 1.76 lakhs cubic metre gas per day are being closed periodically. Similarly, in Kovilkalppal field one well namely KVK#19A having the potential to produce about 14 tonnes of oil and about 40 thousand cubic metre gas per day is also being closed periodically.